



POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS APPROVAL 6TH JUNE 2019

1. SUMMARY

1.1	Under the terms of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act community councils with a turnover of more than £200,000 per year ‘...must take all reasonable steps in its areas towards meeting the local objectives including in the local well-being plan...’
1.2	Within Powys there are 5 community councils that meet this threshold: Brecon, Machynlleth, Newtown, Welshpool and Ystradgynlais. It should be noted however that the Council has no way of accurately identifying those councils that meet this threshold as it only has access to the precept information. A council may have its own assets and income that takes it over the threshold.
1.3	Meetings have been held with several of these councils however this has been on an ad hoc basis in response to an offer made some time ago.
1.4	Community councils have identified a lack of interaction and engagement with the PSB and its work.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1	It is proposed that the PSB agree to an annual meeting, or conference, with community councils, specifically with those caught by the Act but potentially extending the invitation to all community councils. Extending an invitation to all councils would ensure that those meeting the threshold, but which have not been identified, would be included.
2.2	An annual meeting would enable community councils to engage with the PSB, better understand its work and contribute to the objectives in Towards 2040 in their own plans.
2.3	The work of community councils could assist the PSB in delivering Towards 2040 and developing a relationship with them would help to identify this work.

3. RESOURCING

3.1	Holding an annual meeting with community councils will have resource implications, however these could be kept to a minimum by holding the meeting on the same day as a normal PSB meeting.
3.2	The suggestion would be that the meeting would be scheduled for the autumn as this would be after the annual report had been published, but would allow enough



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	time for the community councils' contribution to be included in the subsequent annual report.
3.3	This would also align with the reporting requirements of the community councils.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1	That the PSB agree to hold an annual meeting with community councils.
4.2	That the PSB agree how this will be resourced.